

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 2, please amend the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22, and ending at page 1, line 29 as follows.

In order to limit the conversion in the case of catalysis of tertiary phosphines, alkylating reagents such as dimethyl sulphate (DE-A 1 670 720), methyl toluenesulphonate (~~EP-A 377 477~~ EP-A 377 177) or else catalyst poisons such as sulphur (DE-A 19 54 093) are added as stoppers to the active reaction mixture. The deactivated catalysts and/or any stopper used in excess subsequently remain – at least proportionally – in the product and can lead to unwanted properties in the polyisocyanate or in materials and coatings produced from it. Consequently procedures which manage without such stoppers are preferred.